

**WEEKLY REPORT**  
**Region 9**  
**Environmental Protection Agency**  
**January 9, 2017**

**THE WEEK OF JANUARY 3, - JANUARY 6, 2017**

**San Francisco Bay Wetland Permitting and Monitoring Workshop:** We welcomed federal, state, and local regulatory and non-governmental organizations to a day-long conference on SF Bay wetland restoration. In 2016, voters of the nine Bay Area counties passed, with 70% of the vote, a measure to provide dedicated funding for Bay restoration. Our conference, which was attended by leaders in Bay restoration over the past 30 years, was the first step in developing approaches to assure that the new funding is used efficiently and that climate adaptation needs are adequately considered. (Jones, 2-3470, and Siu, 2-3983)

**Barnes Johnson tours NV contaminated site:** We joined Barnes Johnson and NV environmental officials in touring the Nevada Environmental Response Trust (NERT) Site in Henderson, where perchlorate is impacting Lake Mead and the Colorado River system. The ongoing remediation and an RI/FS for legacy contamination by Tronox LLC (formerly known as Kerr-McGee Chemical Corporation) are being addressed using funds from the largest recovery in history for the cleanup of environmental contamination. (Fong 2-3065)

**NM sewage spill:** The sewage spill from the Navajo Tribal Utility Authority (NTUA) wastewater system in Shiprock, NM, which began to contaminate the San Juan River on December 5, has been partially mitigated. Spilled sewage is now being collected before it can flow into the river; however, the permanent solution – a replacement pipe that we ordered installed by 12/31/16 -- will not be installed until mid-February.

**Removal of Restricted Use Pesticide from Navajo Nation Department of Fish and Wildlife:** We worked with the NN EPA to arrange for the pick-up and return of Fumitoxin, a restricted use pesticide used by NN Department of Fish and Wildlife (NNDFW) for the control of prairie dogs. The Fumitoxin was removed from Navajo Nation after we discovered it was being stored at the residence of a NNDFW employee and in a department vehicle. Fumitoxin's active ingredient is aluminum phosphide, the same active ingredient in the pesticide that was used by an Amarillo, TX man resulting in the death of 4 children on January 3, 2017 <http://www.cnn.com/2017/01/02/us/amarillo-texas-pesticide-deaths/>. On December 28, 2016 NNDFW agreed to cease the use of all restricted use pesticides, including Fumitoxin. (Magnan x74179))

**Trader Joe's CAA Consent Decree Reduce Ozone-Depleting and Greenhouse Gas Refrigerant Emissions:** On December 15, 2016, the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California entered a consent decree to resolve claims against the Trader Joe's Company under the stratospheric ozone protection requirements of the Clean Air Act. Pursuant to the national settlement covering 453 stores, Trader Joe's must pay a civil penalty of \$500,000 and implement measures that will reduce emissions of potent greenhouse gases from its refrigerant systems by approximately 31,000 metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent over three years, which equals the GHG emissions from over 6,500 passenger vehicles driven in one year. (Riedel x23924).

**THE WEEK OF JANUARY 9, - JANUARY 13, 2017**

**Hiring Summary:**

Internal Personnel (b) (2)

**AZ Regional Haze SIP Approval and FIP Withdrawal for Cholla power plant:** Deliberative Process (b) (5)

(Lee x23958)

**FIP Revisions for Four Corners Power Plant (FCPP):** Deliberative Process (b) (5)

(Lee x23958)

**Recognizing Dairy in Food Recovery Challenge:** On January 10, we will honor Crystal Creamery of Modesto, CA with EPA's Food Recovery Challenge National Innovation Award. Crystal Creamery partnered with Fiscalini Farms to co-digest organic by-products from their dairy manufacturing operations along with manure and other food waste. The resulting methane biogas generates renewable energy, fertilizer, and bedding for livestock at local farms. (Shafir x23422)

**Mainland Regional Response Team 9 Meeting:** On January 10-11, we and Coast Guard will co-chair a Mainland Regional Response Team meeting in San Diego. The second day of the meeting will be the annual joint meeting of the Coastal area committees. (Richman x23022)

**Hawaii End-of-Year Review:** Water Director Tomás Torres, Regional Counsel Sylvia Quast, staff and managers will review Hawaii Department of Health's (HDOH) CWA grant performance and meet with HDOH leadership, the State Attorney General's office, congressional staff, and environmental organizations. On the Big Island, they will meet with the Mayor and the director of the water utility to discuss mutual goals of providing appropriate wastewater infrastructure to support further closure of cesspools and observe operating conditions of existing wastewater facilities. (Woo x23409)

**California Stormwater and Wastewater Association Outreach:** David Smith will speak to the California Association of Stormwater Quality Agencies, highlighting our work to strengthen local stormwater program planning, analysis, and financing capacity. He will also speak at the California Association of Sanitation Agencies' annual meeting about opportunities to support innovative infrastructure approaches for managing wastewater and promoting environmentally beneficial reuse of treated wastewater. (Smith x23464)